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Dear parents and carers

I hope that you and your families continue to be healthy and safe and have enjoyed the weekend together. It has been another week of intense speculation around schools reopening with nearly twenty documents and guidance released by the government since Monday, all containing extensive information and guidance, which we are carefully working through. I write to provide you with an update regarding the wider opening of school to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

We have been busy drafting detailed plans using the guidance and working closely within our Trust and the Local Authority. As leaders we have provisionally agreed a number of guiding principles to support potential reopening, more details of this will be released across the week. Plans are being carefully drafted considering a number of safety points and key areas. It is important that we focus cautiously on the practicalities of expanding pupil numbers, reorientation, and inducting staff fully back into the workplace, ensuring full risk assessments are carried out and tested as best we can prior to more children coming into school. School arrangements will be different from before the lockdown, with class sizes limited to a maximum of 15. The organisation of the school day will vary, and this will include staggered start and collection times, break times and lunchtime. The finer details of this will be released once finalised.

The government have been clear in their guidance that children in those eligible year groups are strongly encouraged to attend (where there are no shielding concerns for the child or their household). However, the guidance also states that parents will not be penalised if their child does not attend school at this time. We understand from our welfare calls, your concerns around this at the moment. If your child does not attend, we will sensitively explore your concerns and ensure that we continue to work with all our families regardless. Please find the link below released by the government offering further guidance for parents and carers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

To support in our detailed planning, we would like to canvas parents / carers opinions with regards to the potential take-up of returning your child to school. This will support the reintegration of children based on what we could safely accommodate in the short, medium and long-term. Please complete the following survey if your child is in the eligible year groups of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 by 4pm Thursday 21st May.

<https://forms.gle/FjKs9xj84xmJvBHC9>

Thank you all for your continued support and messages; they really mean a lot to the team.





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Kind regards

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